1	2	3	4
29.	Uttranchal	25	37.52
30.	West Bengal	102	146.13
31.	Covering all States (Science Branch)	——	225.39
32.	Covering all States (Horticulture Branch)		520.16
	TOTAL:	1742	4737.66

Tourism policy for Uttaranchal

†3215, PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any tourism policy to boost tourism in Uttaranchal;

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme to develop less popular spots of the State like Chakrata, Almora, Kausani, Champavat and Pithoragarh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) State level policies for development of tourism are formulated by the concerned State Governments. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India has formulated the following short term and long term plans to attract foreign as well as domestic tourists to all States/UTs:

1. Positioning and maintaining tourism development as a National priority activity.
2. Enhancing and maintaining the competitiveness of India as a tourism destination.
3. Improving India's existing tourism products and expanding these to meet new market requirements.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

4. Creation of world class infrastructure.

5. Developing sustained and effective market plans and programmes.

6. Special thrust to rural and small segment tourism and

7. Attention to civilizat onal issues and issues pertaining to civic administration and good governance and also of social and cultural values.

(b) Central financial assistance is extended to Statcs/UTs for tourism projects selected in consultation with them. Projects of Uttaranchal for the year 2002-2003 have not been received so far.

(c) Does not arise.

Pending tourism projects

3216. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that over 3,000 projects sanctioned during the Seventh Five Year Plan to improve conditions around tourist spots, 2130 are still incomplete;

(b) if so, the reasons for slow pace of execution of projects; and

(c) the steps taken to develop integrated tourism circuits in order to boost tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Department of Tourism, Government of India sanctioned 345 tourism projects involving financial assistance of Rs. 55.07 crores- to the State Governments/UT Administrations during the Seventh Plan. 254 projects have been completed so far as Informed by the State Oovemmentt/UT Administrations.

(b) The reasons for slow pace in completing the projects are as follows:

- Delay in transfer of land by the Revenue Department to the State Tourism Department.